



GPTA Junior Team Tennis Program

If you live in Pottstown, Pottsgrove, OJR, Boyertown or Springford or other area Districts and you want to play tennis, you can't miss this program!!!!

Play Format: Jr. Team Tennis is a co-ed team format. Each match played consists of one set of: boys singles, girls singles, boys doubles, girls doubles, and two sets of mixed doubles. Match as well as season winners are determined based on the cumulative number of games won. Each match typically takes about 1-1.5 hours to complete.

WHO CAN PLAY?: We are forming 18U, 14U, and 12U intermediate teams. This means that players cannot turn older than their age group any time prior to 8/31/11. Players who are RANKED in the top 80 by MiddleStates Section of the USTA are ineligible to play on an intermediate team. These competitive tournament players must find an ADVANCED team to join. Our goal is to introduce beginners to match play in a fun team format. Players should have some previous tennis experience in order to fully enjoy competitive match play. Players should be able to serve, keep score, and rally points back and forth a few times. Beginner players can join the GPTA for Summer clinics to learn the fundamentals of tennis play.

WHEN: The 18U teams will play on Wednesday nights at 6pm and the 14U and 12U teams will play on Sunday afternoons.

WHERE: All 12U and 14U matches will be played at the Hill School. 18U will play home matches at the Hill School and away matches within about a 20 minute radius of Pottstown.

REGISTRATION PROCESS: 18U..... To get the team registration information, please contact heather@gptatennis.com as we need to balance the number of boys & girls on each team to ensure equal playing time. 12U and 14U team registration opened on 4/1. To register, go to <http://teamtennis.usta.com> and click "register to play" in the top left of the screen. Enter the appropriate team number: 12U = 3509154675 and 14U = 3509154677. Proceed to checkout. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 22.

Schedule

Matches 12U and 14U on Sundays: 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 6/5 and 6/12. 12U will play at 1:00 and 14U at 3:00.
18U: Wednesdays at 6pm, schedule yet to be developed but matches typically begin the 2nd week of May and continue to the 3rd week of June.

PRACTICES: Wed **4/13, 4/20, 4/27** at **The Hill School** from 6-7:30. These are "group" practices. Team practice will be held at a convenient time for each team and Captain. Teams will be formed after all kids are registered. We will work to make the teams as "even" as possible so that everyone has a chance to play on a skill-balanced team.

Cost: The league fee for 12U and 14U is \$43.50 (includes USTA league registration fee). Each player must also be a member of the USTA to play on a team. The USTA Jr. membership fee is \$19.00. So, the total cost to participate in this program is just \$59.00 which includes a uniform shirt. The GPTA will sponsor a team party for the entire group of kids in late June.....FUN! The cost for 18U is only \$12.00 + USTA MEMBERSHIP.

If you have questions please contact us: Maryellen@gptatennis.com or Heather@gptatennis.com